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2014 Sanderson Farms Championship pre-tournament notes

Dates: November 3-9, 2014

Where: Country Club of Jackson / Jackson, Miss.

Par/Yards: 72/7,284 yards

Field: 132

2013 champion: Woody Austin

Purse: \$4,000,000/\$720,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 300 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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A look back at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship

Woody Austin defeated Daniel Summerhays and Cameron Beckman with a birdie-4 on the first extra hole (No. 18). Austin made a seven-footer for birdie on the first playoff hole, while Beckman missed a five-foot birdie attempt. Austin won the seventh playoff in tournament history (1989, 1991, 1994, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2013).

More on Woody Austin at the Sanderson Farms Championship

- Austin turned 50 in January of 2014 and finished inside the top 30 in the Charles Schwab Cup in his first season on the Champions Tour.
- Austin's last top 10 on TOUR prior to winning was T6 at the 2011 RBC Canadian Open.
- Austin earned his fourth career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 49 years, 5 months and 25 days in his 507th start.
- The win improved Austin to 3-1 in playoffs on TOUR.
- Austin's four career wins on the PGA TOUR: 1995 Buick Open, 2004 Buick Championship, 2007 FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship.
- Austin's previous win on TOUR in 2007 came 200 miles from Jackson, Miss. in Memphis, Tenn.
- At age 49 years, 5 months, 25 days, Austin became the eighth oldest winner in TOUR history. Below are the oldest players on TOUR:
 - 52 years, 10 months, 8 days, Sam Snead, 1965 Greater Greensboro Open
 - 51 years, 7 months, 10 days, Art Wall, 1975 Greater Milwaukee Open
 - 51 years, 3 months, 7 days, Jim Barnes, 1937 Long Island Open
 - 51 years, 1 month, 5 days, John Barnum, 1962 Cajun Classic
 - 50 years, 8 months, 11 days, Fred Funk, 2007 Mayakoba Golf Classic
 - 50 years, 1 month, 18 days, Craig Stadler, 2003 B.C. Open
 - 49 years, 6 months, 4 days, Raymond Floyd, 1992 Doral-Ryder Open
 - 49 years, 5 months, 25 days, Woody Austin, 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship

Sanderson Farms Championship and the FedExCup

After a one-season hiatus, this week's Sanderson Farms Championship is the sixth event in the PGA TOUR's wraparound schedule that bridges two years with 47 events. With the change in date, the change in venue to the Country Club of Jackson, an increase in the purse from \$3 million to \$4 and the support of Sanderson Farms, Inc., the Sanderson Farms Championship has taken significant steps to elevate its profile in the golf world.

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The 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season kicked off with the Frys.com Open and includes seven events during the fall of 2014, all of which will award FedExCup points. After a seven-week break, the season will resume in January with the traditional swing through Hawaii before moving to the West Coast. The FedExCup Playoffs once again features four events and concludes in September 2015 with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the crowning of the FedExCup champion.

Every week is significant in the race for the FedExCup – four of the six winners from the fall calendar of 2013 (Jimmy Walker, Chris Kirk, Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson) qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and two others (Harris English, Ryan Moore) finished inside the top 40.

A look at the field

- Ten players that are inside the top 30 in the current FedExCup rankings including No. 2 Robert Streb and No. 3 Ben Martin; both first-time winners in 2014-15, Streb won the McGladrey Classic in a playoff while Martin captured the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.
- Former Mississippi State golfer Carlos Sainz, Jr. and former Ole Miss golfer Jonathan Randolph. Both players are rookies on TOUR this season.
 - Randolph, just the second first-team All-America in Ole Miss history (2009-10) is from nearby Brandon and grew up playing the Country Club of Jackson.
 - Sainz, a 2010 graduate of MSU, finished second at the SEC Championships as a senior in 2009.
- Rookie Tony Finau, 13th in the FedExCup thanks to top-15 finishes in each of his first three starts.
- Four former Sanderson Farms Championship winners are in the field: Woody Austin (2013), Chad Campbell (2007), Heath Slocum (2005) and Cameron Beckman (2001).
- Rookie Sam Saunders, the grandson of Arnold Palmer, will make his first career start at the Sanderson Farms Championship.
- Nine former major championship winners: Padraig Harrington, John Daly, Ben Curtis, David Duval, Lucas Glover, Trevor Immelman, David Toms, Y.E. Yang.
- Making his PGA TOUR debut last week at the CIMB Classic, Australia's **Cameron Smith** finished T5 to qualify for the Sanderson Farms Championship via top-10 exemption. Currently fourth in the Asian Tour's Order of Merit, Smith is the first player since Alistair Presnell (2010 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship) to finish in the top 10 in his first-ever TOUR start, joining five other players since 2000:

Top-10 finishes in PGA TOUR debut since 2000			
Year	Player	Tournament	Finish
2014	Cameron Smith	CIMB Classic	T5
2010	Alistair Presnell	WGC-Cadillac Championship	T6
2008	Chris Wood	The Open Championship (amateur)	T5
2006	Anthony Kim	Valero Texas Open	T2
2006	Andres Romero	The Open Championship	T8
2003	Hennie Otto	The Open Championship	T10

Tournament Records

The following players made the Sanderson Farms Championship their first win on TOUR: Chris Kirk (2011), D.J. Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994).

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Since its 1986 inception, only two players have won the Sanderson Farms Championship more than once; Brian Henninger (1994, 1999) and Fred Funk (1998, 2004).

Miscellaneous 2014-15 PGA TOUR notes

- Entering the 2014-15 season, 29 of the top 30 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are PGA TOUR members, including 2014-15 new members Victor Dubuisson and Jamie Donaldson. Thomas Bjorn (30) is the lone non-member inside the top 30.
- The 2014-15 rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players under the age of 30. The list of 24 includes three players playing on medical extensions from previous years but remain in the rookie category.
- There are 86 active international players representing 24 countries in 2014-15. Australia has the most international members (16).
- Four new members earned PGA TOUR cards through the non-member FedExCup points list but are not considered part of the rookie class: Victor Dubuisson (France); Francesco Molinari (Italy); Jamie Donaldson (Wales); and Brooks Koepka (United States).

2013-14 year in review

- Billy Horschel, thanks to victories at the two final FedExCup Playoff events, became the youngest winner of the FedExCup at the age of 27 years, 9 months and 7 days.
- Rory McIlroy, winner of three events including back-to-back majors (The Open Championship and PGA Championship), was voted the PGA TOUR Player of the Year. McIlroy also captured the Arnold Palmer Award as the leader in official earnings and the Byron Nelson Trophy for lowest adjusted scoring average.
- Chesson Hadley, winner of the Puerto Rico Open presented by seepuertorico.com, was voted the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.
- Sixteen different players under the age of 30 won PGA TOUR events in 2013-14, accounting for a total of 22 of the 45 events. The last time there were 16 winners under the age of 30 in a season was 2011, with a total of 18 victories.
- Jimmy Walker held the top spot in the FedExCup rankings for 36 of 37 weeks in 2013-14, including a record 30 straight weeks starting with his victory at the Sony Open in Hawaii. Billy Horschel won the FedExCup thanks to victories and the last two FedExCup Playoff events, the BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.
- There were no repeat winners in 2013-14, the last being Tiger Woods who won the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard back-to-back in 2012 and 2013. Ian Poulter came closest, finishing second in the defense of his World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions title.
- 25 of the 45 PGA TOUR events in 2013-14 were decided by one stroke (19) or a playoff (6).
- Hunter Mahan is the only player to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola every year since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Over the eight years, Mahan is also the only player to play in every FedExCup Playoff event (32).

Notable changes for the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season:

- Starting in January 2015, winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide will receive a three-year PGA TOUR exemption and a three-year exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship.
- The 2015 Presidents Cup team eligibility for the U.S. Team will be based on FedExCup points instead of money. Presidents Cup points for the FedExCup Playoffs will be weighted the same as World Golf Championships (550 for first place, 315 for second, etc.).
- The Top 125 Money List from the previous season, established following the conclusion of the 2014 Wyndham Championship, will remain as an exempt category in 2014-15 for standard, open events only.

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- The Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation and the RBC Heritage will include the Top 10 from the Previous Tournament Category.

Below are the 2014-15 PGA TOUR rookies:

2014 Web.com Tour Regular Season Graduate Rookies (13)				
Player	(Cuts/Starts)	Birthdate	Age as of October 9, 2014	College
Carlos Ortiz	(1-1)	4/24/91	23 years 5 months, 15 days	North Texas
Andrew Putnam	(0-1 pro, 0-1 amateur)	1/25/89	25 years, 8 months, 14 days	Pepperdine
Zack Sucher	(0-1 amateur)	10/2/86	28 years, 7 days	UAB
Adam Hadwin	(8-11)	11/2/87	26 years, 11 months, 7 days	Louisville
Justin Thomas	(3-7 pro, 3-4 amateur)	4/29/93	21 years, 5 months, 10 days	Alabama
Blayne Barber	(2-3)	12/25/89	24 years, 9 months, 14 days	Auburn
Tony Finau	(1-3)	9/14/89	25 years, 25 days	--
Jon Curran	(2-5)	2/17/87	27 years, 7 months, 22 days	Vanderbilt
Daniel Berger	(1-1)	4/7/93	21 years, 6 months, 2 days	Florida State
Jonathan Randolph	(2-2 pro, 1-2 amateur)	8/10/88	26 years, 1 month, 29 days	Ole Miss
Mark Hubbard	(1-2)	5/24/89	25 years, 4 months, 15 days	San Jose State
Byron Smith	(0-0)	3/31/81	33 years, 6 months, 8 days	Pepperdine
Roger Sloan	(1-2)	5/15/87	27 years, 4 months, 24 days	UTEP

2013 Web.com Tour Finals Graduates (8)				
Player	(Cuts/Starts)	Birthdate	Age as of October 9, 2014	College
Zac Blair	(1-1)	8/20/90	24 years, 1 month, 9 days	BYU
Tom Hoge	(0-1)	5/25/89	25 years, 4 months, 14 days	TCU
Whee Kim	(0-0)	2/22/92	22 years, 7 months, 17 days	Yonsei University
Scott Pinckney	(0-1 pro, 0-1 amateur)	3/13/89	25 years, 6 months, 26 days	Arizona State
Nick Taylor	(0-3 pro, 2-6 amateur)	4/14/88	26 years 5 months 25 days	Washington
Oscar Fraustro	(1-3)	6/14/82	32 years, 3 months, 25 days	--
Sung Joon Park	(0-0)	6/9/86	28 years, 4 months	--
Carlos Sainz Jr.	(0-0)	11/7/85	28 years, 11 months, 2 days	Mississippi State

2013 Web.com Tour Graduates – Major Medical Extension (2)				
Player	(Cuts/Starts)	Birthdate	Age as of October 9, 2014	College
Patrick Cantlay	(10/19 pro, 7/8 amateur)	3/17/92	22 years, 6 months, 22 days	UCLA
Benjamin Alvarado	(1-7)	9/2/85	29 years, 1 month, 7 days	Arizona State
2010 Web.com Tour Graduates – Major Medical Extension (1)				
Joe Affrunti	(5/17)	8/1/81	33 years, 2 months, 8 days	Illinois

Changes at the Sanderson Farms Championship

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After 19 years at Annandale Country Club in Madison, Miss., the Sanderson Farms Championship moved locations to the Country Club of Jackson. Prior to that, the tournament spent eight years in Hattiesburg, Miss. The location switch highlights a series of forward moves – including Sanderson Farms' three-year commitment through 2016, an increase in the purse from \$3 million to \$4 million, a date change from summer back to the fall, and the hiring of Steve Jent as the tournament director, along with a full-time staff.

Saturday Night Concert

Academy of Country Music Award Winner, Jack Ingram will headline a concert on Saturday, November 8th, immediately following the end of play. In 2008, Ingram won the Academy of Country Music award for "Best New Male Vocalist," and with his latest album *Big Dreams & High Hopes*, he remains in the forefront of country music.